

**Tanya Perkins** – I'm a new BCB for the district, coming from a private school setting. In addition, I'm an adjunct professor at Goodwin College, teaching psychology courses. I've got two pugs who love to kayak in the summer, and most importantly, I am a Manchester native!

**Brie Hadfield** – I am Brie Hadfield, the new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. I came here from Hartford – I taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Moylan School. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I recently bought my grandma and grandpa's house in Manchester and have been fixing it up. I also have a puppy, Dexter, who is my baby! I love to run and read books for fun. I also love spending time with my family at the lake and the beach!

**Mila Zadrozny** – My name is Mila Zadrozny. I was born and raised in Russia. I came to the US in 1997. I have three kids (ages 19, 5, and 2). I now live in Coventry. I received my undergraduate degree and a masters degree in business administration while still in Russia. My master's degree in Elementary Education is from the University of Bridgeport. I also have a 6<sup>th</sup> year degree in educational leadership from CCSU. I taught grade 5 for 13 years in Bristol before joining the Washington Family. I like playing basketball, jogging, riding a road bicycle, swimming, reading, and hanging out with my many friends. I am very excited to be teaching at Washington Elementary!

**Melissa Knight** – My name is Melissa Knight and I will be teaching Kindergarten through Second, STEM. I have taught kindergarten in Manchester for the past four years at Verplanck, but I am very excited to be teaching at Washington now. I grew up in Marlborough, CT and went to RHAM High School. I cheerleaded through high school and into college. I went to a small college named Stetson University in Florida where I majored in Elementary Education with an ELL endorsement. I moved back to Connecticut after college and got married in 2013!

**Kate Morin** – Big hello to my new families at Washington School! My name is Katie Morin and I am the new general music teacher. I have been teaching for ten years and just made the move to the Manchester schools. I am a Nathan Hale, Bennet, and Manchester High School graduate. I play the violin in the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and enjoy playing with my dog, Copper. I am thrilled to be working here at Washington School!

**Nicole Caskey** – Nicole is an Itinerant Music Teacher for Manchester Public Schools. She is teaching at Manchester Preschool Center, Bowers Elementary School, Washington Elementary School and Bentley Alternative School. She is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a degree in Music Education with a concentration in voice. She is excited about all of the wonderful things in store for this school year!